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NEWS NOTES

Phone number changes

Effective Jan. 16, the Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union's phone number for the depot branch will be 570-894-8325.

The credit union is consolidating the phone lines into its call center number in order to provide better service. The current phone line, 570-895-7368, will no longer be in service after Jan. 15.

Retirees meet for breakfast

The Tobyhanna Mt. Pocono retirees will meet 9 a.m. the first Tuesday of odd numbered months at the Pioneer Diner—March 6, May 1, July 3, Sept. 4 and Nov. 6. All Tobyhanna retirees are welcome.

For more information contact Ed Gush, 842-8761 or eddieandbets@juno.com.

The Tobyhanna Taylor retirees will meet from 8-10 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Family Affair in Taylor—Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

For more information, contact Bernie Petrasek, bpetra@juno.com.

CWC plans Williamsburg trip

The Civilian Welfare Council is sponsoring a three-day vacation to historical Williamsburg, Va., April 27, 28 and 29. The bus is scheduled to leave the Wegman's parking lot in Wilkes-Barre at 6 a.m. April 27.

Cost is \$585 per couple and \$390 for singles. The price includes transportation, lodging, two breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, guided tours and all admissions.

Reservations and payment can be made at the One-Stop-Shop; payment is due at time of reservation. For more information, call X58851.

Workers restore 1,000 vans, shelters

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

Tobyhanna employees have restored more than 1,000 electronics repair shelters and vans to like-new condition through the Army's Electronic Shop Van (ESV) Recapitalization Program.

Four years into the program, which is part of Army Transformation, the depot has overhauled 701 AN/ASM 146 and 147 shelters and 320 AN/ASM 189 and 190 vans with \$115 million Reset and Recap program funds.

Several shops and hundreds of employees joined forces to completely disassemble the shelters and vans. The ESVs are stripped, repaired and painted, and equipment is repaired and replaced. Sheet metal is also replaced or repaired, tested for leaks and painted.

The AN/ASM 146s and 189s are the primary maintenance facilities for the entire Army electronics maintenance mission in combat service support units. They provide facilities for testing and repair/calibration for avionics, communication, electronic, navigation, photographic, and infrared systems.

The AN/ASM 147s and 190s are mobile shelters and vans, respectively, which provide accessible, forward-based storage of spares requirements for the systems repaired in the 146 and 189 shelters and vans.

"All the employees should be extremely proud of their product, and its impact to the warfighter's ability to repair electronic components in the field," said Frank Kaczmarek, Systems Integration and Support Directorate director.

Workers have also reduced production costs by implementing suggestions that improved processes.

"They work hard at what they do and offered many suggestions that contributed to the lower unit-funded cost (UFC) of the shelters and vans which led to additional workload. I'm extremely proud of their efforts and look forward to the challenges of next year."

Kaczmarek acknowledged that during the first three years of the program the depot was

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Jeff Frisbie, trims a cutout for an environmental control unit frame, one of the modifications performed on the AN/ASM-146 and 147 shelters. Frisbie is a sheet metal worker assigned to the Industrial Services Division, System Integration and Support Directorate. (Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski)



AN/ASM-189 Electronics Shop Vans are stripped here before being transported to shops around the depot for repair, overhaul and refurbishing. (Photo by Tony Medici)

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Caldwell: Iraqis will control their ground forces by year's end

by Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—The Iraqi government will have command-and-control of all of its ground forces by the end of 2007, a senior U.S. military officer based in Baghdad predicted Jan. 3.

The year 2007 "is truly the year of transition and adaptation" for Iraq, Army Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, Multinational Force Iraq spokesman, told reporters at a news conference in Baghdad.

All Iraqi army divisions will be under Iraqi Ground Forces Command by summertime, Caldwell said. And, all Iraqi provinces, he said, will go back to Iraqi provincial control by the fall.

"So that by the end of the year 2007, a significant year of transition, the multinational force and the U.S. mission here in Iraq will be truly in support of the efforts of the government of Iraq and not commanding and controlling those things, but working as a support mechanism," Caldwell said.

Meanwhile, President George Bush and his advisors are putting the finishing touches on a new U.S. strategy for Iraq. The president is expected to announce the new plan sometime before his State of the Union address, slated for Jan. 23.



Caldwell

The Feb. 22 terrorist bombing of the Golden Mosque religious shrine in Samarra triggered a surge of Sunni-Shiite sectarian violence across Iraq in 2006, a development that has led to the formulation of a new U.S. strategy for Iraq, Caldwell said.

Caldwell pointed out that, despite the violence, the Iraqis have made considerable advances in the past year.

"Iraqis achieved many accomplishments in 2006 that serve as the foundation for future progress," Caldwell pointed out. Over the course of the past year Iraq seated its first democratically-elected permanent government, he said, and the nation also produced a national unity government that represents Iraqis of all religious sects and tribes.

"Iraqis have stepped up and begun taking responsibility for their own security," Caldwell said, noting that responsibility for security in Muthanna, Dhi Qar and Najaf provinces has been transferred to Iraqi provincial control.

"The Iraqi army and police now have overall responsibility for all law enforcement and security activities in those provinces (and) answer to their respective provincial governors and councils," he said.

Just one of Iraq's 10 army divisions was responsible for operations within its own territory at the beginning of last year. Today, 80 percent of Iraq's army divisions are responsible for their own battle space, he said.

Yet, Iraq continues to be plagued by high levels of unacceptable violence, Caldwell said, noting the mayhem has cost the lives of thousands of innocent Iraqis.

And, more than 800 U.S. servicemen and women gave their lives in service in Iraq over the past year, he said.

"The loss of every single one of these brave Americans is a terrible tragedy for a family somewhere," Caldwell said. "Even as we continue to work to secure Iraq and build a better future for the people of this region, we extend our deepest condolences for their loss and for our eternal gratitude to these families for the sacrifice of their loved ones."

The Iraqis and their coalition partners face significant challenges in 2007, Caldwell said. The Iraqis must increase the capabilities and efficiency in their army and police units, he said, while their government must continue to work to reconcile and unify different segments of the population.

Multinational Force Iraq is committed to assisting the Iraqi government by conducting operations and developing Iraqi security forces to provide the stability needed so that Iraq's new political processes can mature, Caldwell said.

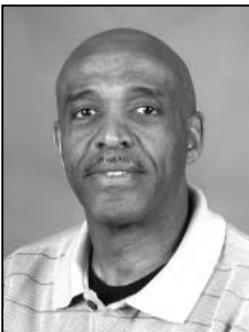
"Coalition forces remain dedicated to this mission, and we have not given up on the Iraqis," Caldwell said. "We cannot write off a country where people have not given up on themselves."

The United States has been fighting terrorism and extremism since the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, where 241 servicemembers, mostly Marines, died, Caldwell said. Iraq is another battleground, he said, that is pitting the forces of freedom against those of terrorism and extremism.

"In partnership with the Iraqi people, we are fighting to demonstrate that there is an alternative besides tyranny and extremism for the people of this region," Caldwell said.

VIEWPOINT

When you hear Dr. Martin Luther King's name, what comes to your mind?



"He stood for peace, fairness and what is right for all."

Eddie Johnson



"He lead by example."

Liz Lawrence



"He delivered messages that withstand the test of time—they are still appropriate today."

Terri Clark



"Martin Luther King Jr. is a great inspiration to me because of his leadership, his faith and his willingness to persevere in the midst of great opposition."

Tien Mengel



"His most significant accomplishment was the Nobel Peace Prize for 'I Have a Dream.'"

Kim Anderson



"He showed the world how to fight for human rights by using non-violence and diplomacy."

Bernard Holmes



"He is a great example of dreams coming true."

Tamara Marinaro

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EXCELLENCE IN
ELECTRONICS

Lead-free electronics: Long on hype, short on results

by Jude Buckwalter
Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate

Lead free solders and lead free component finishes are supposed to help keep our environment free of lead contamination. While perhaps good for the environment, these new technologies have not proven reliable. We at Tobyhanna must do all we can to prevent the reliability hazards of lead free from impacting our service men and women.

On July 1, an environmental directive known as "Restrictions of Hazardous Materials" (RoHS) became effective in Europe. RoHS prohibits six hazardous materials from being used in products sold in member countries. One of these materials is lead, which is used extensively in electronics in solder and component lead finishes. Global consumer markets are driving manufacturers to adopt lead-free technologies and finishes. Military electronics are exempt from compliance with this directive.

However, military and high reliability electronics markets are not large enough (less than 1 percent of the global market) to have any impact on industry. Many manufacturers are claiming 100 percent compliance. Some manufacturers are even changing component finishes without changing part numbers, or have modified part numbers or markings. Some have used prefixes, some suffixes and some separate markings entirely.

What is wrong with lead-free?

Non-lead solders will not work for the military, where system reliability is an imperative, not an option. Lead-free technologies, which RoHS mandate, do not mix well with leaded technologies and tend to grow 'tin whiskers,' which

are physical abnormalities that form in non-lead solders. Mixed technologies result in uneven wetting and brittle solder joints that will not survive in-theater use.

The tin whiskers can lead to unpredictable short circuiting and failures of electronic parts. These growths are electrically conductive, can grow in days or years, and easily bridge between contacts to touch each other and cause electrical problems. They can also break off to bridge board traces and foul optics.

How can you tell if something is lead-free?

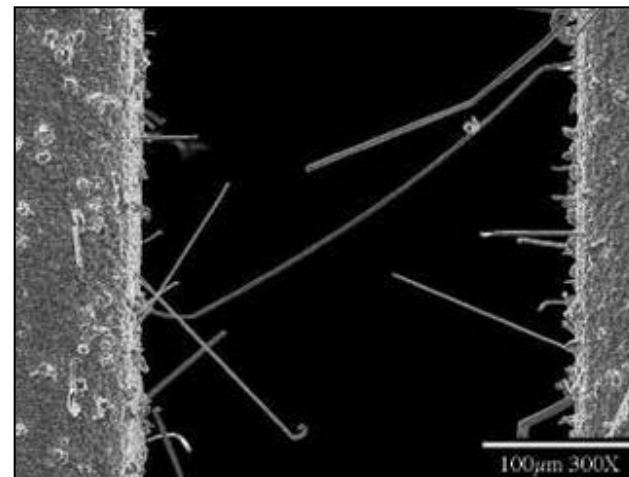
Many manufacturers label their exterior packaging with a green RoHS logo:



However, once out of the packaging, the individual manufacturers' data must be consulted to determine if a given part is lead free. Unfortunately, there is no industry standard. You may not be able to tell the difference. In this case, you will need to test the component leads or pads. One inexpensive way is through test kits designed to test for lead in paint (available from paint suppliers). These can also be used to test for lead in component leads, etc.

"Although current lead-free solders do not meet reliability standards, Tobyhanna Army Depot continues to work with industry and EPA to find an acceptable and reliable substitute for lead solder. We will keep the work force informed of any changes as they develop," said Randy Didier, chief of the Environmental Management Division, Industrial Risk Management Directorate.

What to do if you suspect lead-free components or solder



Tin whiskers in an electronics component, magnified 300 times. Tin whiskers, formed when lead-free solder is used, can lead to unpredictable short circuiting and failures of electronic parts. These growths can bridge between contacts to touch each other and cause electrical problems. They can also break off to bridge board traces and foul optics. (Photo courtesy Jude Buckwalter)

One of the characteristics of lead free solder is that it requires a significantly higher temperature to melt. If you experience solder flow problems or suspect you are using a lead-free component, halt all processes and contact me, X59660, Larry Weber, X58226, or Ray Rowe, X59906. Assistance will be provided to alleviate any possible damage, and determine how best to restore the process without risk to our warfighters.

Report any suspicion of lead-free solder and components to the Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate's Process Engineering Division.

Longest-serving Defense Department employee retires

by Gale Smith
Joint Munitions Command
Public Affairs

He worked for the Department of Defense longer than anyone and was the oldest DoD employee. Louis Dellamonica retired Jan. 2 from the Hawthorne Army Depot (HWAD) in Hawthorne, Nevada, after an extraordinary 65 years of service.

Commander of HWAD, Lt. Col. Hardee Green, presided over the retirement ceremony that honored Dellamonica's long and illustrious career on Dec. 15. Distinguished visitors included Kathryn A. Condon, executive deputy to the commanding general, Army Materiel Command, and Brig. Gen. James Rogers, commanding general of the Joint Munitions Command. Quiet and unassuming, Dellamonica seemed genuinely embarrassed by all of the attention.

Honors included a personal letter from President Bush; a letter, coin and photo from former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld; and awards from Nevada's two US Senators, Harry Reid and John Ensign, and Congressman Jim Gibbons. Condon presented Dellamonica with a note and coin from Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commanding general of the Army Materiel Command, and the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal and Award. Gen. Rogers gave him the Superior Civilian Service Award and Medal.

Maj. Gen. Jerome Johnson, commander of the Army Sustainment Command, has nominated Dellamonica for the U.S. Army

Ordnance Hall of Fame. In addition, the Army Materiel Command has renamed its 10 Outstanding AMC Personnel of the Year Award in his honor.

Dellamonica's personal qualities are best summed up in his own words: "Pride means do-it-yourself to the best of your ability, disregarding whether you are a big wheel, little log, keystone or cobblestone."

Association with Hawthorne

Dellamonica attended the groundbreaking of the then Hawthorne Naval Facility in 1929 with his family at the age of 17.

Following the ground breaking, his next association with the depot came during college as an electrical engineering major at the University of Nevada in Reno. He worked on various projects to supply the facility with electricity. After college he accepted a job there, just a few days after the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

He used his expertise in electrical engineering to ensure that the electrical systems installed at the plant and equipment used in the loading facilities were explosion proofed. This type of electrical system was a "new art" in the 1940s, and many electricians did not have the skills to install them. Dellamonica's efforts in the development of ammunition quality electrical systems and lights, in addition to his training of contractors and employees, were significant contributions to the entire Ordnance community during World War II.

After World War II he again influenced the Ordnance field by becoming an

expert in ammunition production design. He was instrumental in developing and implementing test systems and ranges. Between the Korean War and Vietnam, he designed and implemented munitions demilitarization equipment.

Dellamonica was the driving force behind the Western Area Demilitarization Facility at HWAD and later for the more environmentally safe, non-destructive alternative to demilitarization.

His life has been characterized by service and loyalty to HWAD, the Army, his country and his community. In addition to his service to DoD, he also contributed to his community as a member of the Civil Air

Patrol for 42 years. After obtaining his pilot's license in 1935 he flew hundreds of search and rescue missions throughout Nevada and California.

He was also instrumental in bringing electricity to the town of Hawthorne in the mid-1950s, and was actively involved in the maintenance and upgrading of the system until 1995. In the winters of those early years he would periodically put on snowshoes and hike to the remote translator sites to restore service.

As for his retirement, Dellamonica said he wasn't going to do much, just tinker around the house for now. He certainly deserves to do whatever he likes.



Louis Dellamonica gives remarks after being presented with several awards during his retirement ceremony Jan. 2 at the Hawthorne Army Depot, Nevada, after 65 years of service. (Photo courtesy Army Materiel Command)

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required to reduce the UFC by 10 percent each year. Lean events have also produced multiple savings to the program," he said.

"The UFC, although not reduced as a whole, was reduced for the labor portion each year and we expect further reductions," he said. "We can only truly control the man-hour portion of the UFC. The cost of materials such as plywood, insulation and raw materials are subject to market prices, which have grown in the last five years."

Tobyhanna has been involved in this program since its inception, initially producing the modification work order and new technical manuals. Employees spend an average of 70 days inserting new technology and providing upgrades to the shelters; 100 days for vans. The standard timetable for repairs is 90 and 120 days, respectively.

"The results of all your efforts are providing our warfighters with the assets to rapidly and effectively fix electronic systems and components in the field," said Frank Zardecki, deputy depot commander, during an award ceremony Dec. 18. "With our commitment to continuous improvement, the product we finish today is done faster and more efficiently than one produced in 2003. That is because of hard work and good ideas, and we all are most appreciative for what you have achieved," he said.

It's important to note how Tobyhanna and the ESV partners have diligently worked to reduce the UFC and to build in greater quality and reliability in this complex effort, said Col Ron Alberto, depot commander. "This is one of our most critical projects and it reflects the total capabilities—from design to manufacturing to technology insertion and system integration—that Tobyhanna can bring to meet the most urgent needs of our Army," he added.

Zardecki pointed out that the ESV Recap and RESET program is one of Tobyhanna's largest workloads. The latest figures show that since starting the program in FY 03, the project has consumed more than 1,250,000 feet of wire, 20,000 square feet of wood countertops and more than 1.1 million wood screws. Stretched end to end, the wire would run more than 235 miles, almost from here back to Army Materiel Command (AMC) Headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va.

After the shelter is repaired and painted, it undergoes pressure tests to make sure it's watertight, and then basic electrical equipment is installed, inspected and tested before the remaining items are installed. For the AN/ASM 146 and 147, that means replacing the air blowers with 9,000 Btu environmental control units and installing items such as new signal entrance panels, backup batteries and emergency lighting. Outdated file cabinets and dehumidifiers were removed and power entry panels and power distribution boxes were updated.

Technicians manufacture racks, straps and braces to support upgrades to shelter and van systems. As part of the power service improvements, three-phase power was added, requiring re-wiring of the entire van or shelter. Other upgrades include improved power entrance box connectors, Single Channel Ground and Air Radio Systems



Joseph Ferretti, painting worker, touches up new equipment installed into an electronic repair shelter. He works for the Refinishing Services Division.



Susanne Russo, sheet metal mechanic, gets the proper hardware to install into a shelter.

antenna interfaces, and run-time meters. Access to a Local Area Network and remote telephone connections are now available.

Ideas for the modifications and upgrades in the vans and shelters came from listening to the customer and by surveying the Soldiers who will work in the ESVs, according to Alberto, who also said the facilities are safer, more user friendly and more reliable.

"The upgrades and modifications bring the shelters into this century," said Francis Koenig, Systems Overhaul and Support Branch chief. "Now, Soldiers in the field can repair anything, anytime."

For instance, the 147s had small heaters and no air conditioning, according to Koenig. Now the shelters are getting environmental control units, which provide both. Other changes include new phone systems, new cables to support computers and increased direct current amperage.

"The workers on the line are some of the hardest working people across the trades," said Steven Mikitka, Electrical Recap Support Branch chief. "Carpentry, electrical and sheet



John Fogash, sheet metal worker, modifies a boarding ladder for the AN/ASM 146 and 147 shelters. Fogash works in the Industrial Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate. (Photos by Steve Grzezdzinski)

metal personnel all work side-by-side to accomplish the mission simultaneously."

"We [Tobyhanna] provide the work center they [the Soldiers] can function in," said Bret Hunt, logistics management specialist, Command, Control, Guidance and Support Scheduling Division.

Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems (PM FSS), Tobyhanna Army Depot, Communication-Electronic Life Cycle Management Command, and the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff are key players in the program that also is incorporating several reliability and supportability initiatives as well as safety fixes.

PM FSS, located at the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass., has overall responsibility and oversight of the program.

"In our eyes, Tobyhanna sets the standard for Lean Six Sigma and what it represents," said Maj. Richard Hall, lead manager for the ESV program. He said that by incorporating Lean concepts into the modified work orders, the depot provides the capabilities the

Soldiers in the field need and want.

The electronic repair facilities have been fielded since the 1970s, according to Hunt. He explained that during that time there has never been a serious Reset or rework program for the shelters and vans.

"Some of these vans haven't seen the inside of a depot since the '70s," said Hunt. "They've never been brought in and updated with the new technology."

The recapitalization program began full production in Fiscal Year 2003 and is scheduled to continue through 2009.

"Thank you for what you're doing from everyone who wears a uniform," said Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commander, AMC. "Keep doing what you're doing."

"I'll keep the resources coming, you keep production up and all the other agencies will make sure you get the parts you need."

"I'm optimistic that you can continue to build on Tobyhanna's great reputation," he said. "There's a dynamite team here that will take the depot where it needs to be for the future."

EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS

INTERROGATOR BRANCH

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS DIVISION

INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND
RECONNAISSANCE DIRECTORATE

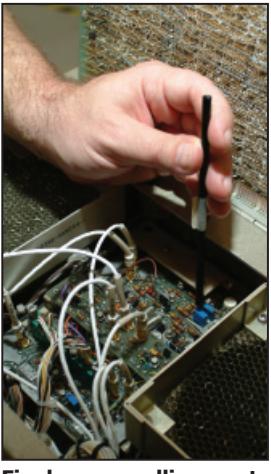
The branch's 20 employees overhaul and repair Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) equipment for the Air Force and Army. Primary support for the Air Force is overhauling components on the TPX-42, which is used in other radar systems such as the AN/MPN14K and the AN/TPN-19. The branch also supports the overhaul and upgrade of the TPX-46 (V7) IFF processor which is used in the Patriot Missile Air Defense System

AROUND THE DEPOT

Jennifer Marriner, electronics mechanic helper, adjusts alignments on an A-11 circuit card assembly using the TPM-46 test set.



Eric Middleton, electronics mechanic, aligns a video amplification circuit on an overhauled OD-153 Radar Indicator. The indicator is used in the AN/GPN-12 and AN/GPN-20 Ground-Based Navigation Radar systems.



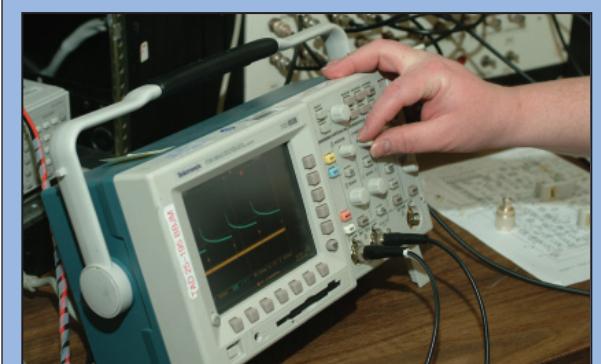
Final alignments are performed on an overhauled OD-57 Radar Indicator. The indicator is used in TPX-42 Transportable Identification Radar systems.



Mark Frassetto, electronics mechanic, tests a radio frequency switch module in a TPX-46 Patriot Missle Identification Friend or Foe processor.



Terry Hammond, electronics mechanic, inspects and makes repairs on an OD-153 Radar Indicator power supply.



John Ondrussek, electronics mechanic, troubleshoots problems with a defective A-11 circuit card assembly that is used in a OD-57 Radar Indicator.

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name	Title	Organization
Shane Alt	Mechanical engineer	D/PII
Kelly Daniel	Secretary	D/C3 Avionics
Michael Iyooob	Painter	D/SIS
Kevin Knight	Painting Worker	D/SIS
Robin Lombarto	Secretary	D/RM
Richard Maranki	Mechanical engineer	D/PE
Sallie Motter	Secretary	D/C3 Avionics
Erin Priestman	Mechanical engineer	D/PII

Iraqi forces prove eager to help find solutions, becoming capable

by Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Iraqi military and police forces are eager to help find solutions for the challenges facing their country, and they are becoming more capable of assuming increased responsibility for security, a senior U.S. military officer said in Baghdad.

As President Bush deliberates the way ahead in Iraq, the Iraqi people and their security forces will ultimately have the responsibility to quell violence and effect peace across the country, Army Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, Multinational Force Iraq spokesman, told reporters.

"Ultimately, Iraqis have to step up and develop solutions to their country's problems," Caldwell said. "Yet, in the face of persistently high levels of violence, the Iraqi people are demonstrating that they are eager to do just that."

More than 1,100 Iraqis recently signed up for the police forces in troubled Anbar province, Caldwell said, a place where there'd been no previous demonstration of such civic resolve.

More Iraqi citizens are also stepping forward to provide information about extremist and criminal activities to authorities, Caldwell said. From January to September 2006, he said, Iraqis provided an average of 4,500 tips monthly to authorities about possible terrorist or criminal activity in their areas.

Between October and November, such citizen-supplied tips increased by 66 percent to more than 7,600 tips per month. As of Dec. 22, the pace of tips received was anticipated to yield more than 8,700 this month, Caldwell said.

"This would indicate to us that the Iraqi people are tired of the violence perpetrated upon them by terrorist and criminal elements, and they want to be part of the solution," Caldwell said.

Consequently, U.S. and coalition officials are accelerating plans to transfer more security responsibilities to the government of Iraq and its security forces, Caldwell said.

The Iraqi army and police now have overall responsibility for all security and law enforcement activities in Najaf province. It is the third Iraqi province, he said, that provides for its own security and law enforcement.

"This transfer of responsibility comes as the Iraqi security forces continue to demonstrate increasingly tactical capabilities," Caldwell said, noting that 87 percent of operations conducted this month have been conducted by Iraqi security forces operating either independently or jointly with coalition forces.

Recent Iraqi-conducted operations in Baghdad, he said, uncovered 18 significant enemy weapons caches.

The situation still isn't perfect, however. Iraqi security forces still have to improve their logistics systems and leadership, and some soldiers and police have proven disloyal to the government, Caldwell said.

"That is why the multinational force is consistently and continuously reassessing and strengthening how we train, advise and assist the Iraqi forces," Caldwell said. "We are seeing signs that the Iraqi forces are beginning to address some of these problems themselves."

For example, Iraqi police and British forces two days ago raided a rogue Iraqi police unit in Basra that had been infiltrated by extremists, Caldwell said. That operation rescued more than 120 hostages, most of whom had been tortured.

"While infiltration of some (Iraqi) units persists, this operation demonstrates that the government of Iraq takes it seriously and understands and is initiating steps to mitigate this infiltration within the police units," Caldwell said.

Although significant challenges remain in Iraq and violence there is likely to remain high in the near term, Caldwell said there's hope for the future.

"Iraqi forces are making progress to provide their own security and the Iraqi people are demonstrating great resolve to defeat these terrorists and criminals plaguing Iraq," he said.

RETIREES



Serino



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Migatulski



Telesco

Robert Migatulski was a maintenance mechanic, Facilities and Maintenance Division, Public Works Directorate.

He served three years in the Army before starting work at Tobyhanna in 1983.

Migatulski resides in Pittston with his wife, Gloria. They are the parents of Robert and Joseph.

His hobbies include fishing, traveling and gambling. After retirement Migatulski plans to "do anything I can afford to do."

William Telesco was an electronics integrated systems mechanic supervisor, Tactical Satellite Systems Branch, Communications Systems Directorate.

He served four years on active duty in the Air Force and 32 years in the Air Force Reserve. He retired as a chief master sergeant from the 92nd Aerial Port Squadron, Wyoming, Pa. He started work at Tobyhanna in 1973.

Telesco resides in Throop with his wife, Ann. They are the parents of Michael, Nancy and Jennifer.

His hobbies include bowling. After retirement Telesco plans to spend time with family and travel.

CAREER MILESTONE



From left, Joseph Kollra, Thomas Merrigan, depot commander Col. Ron Alberto and William Tarby attend the Length of Service Awards ceremony held Dec. 20. (Photo by Tony Medici)

Three Tobyhanna Army Depot employees were recognized for their years of government service during the Dec. 20 Length of Service ceremony.

Joseph Kollra, 30 years, criminal investigator, Security Division, Industrial Risk Management Directorate.

Thomas Merrigan, 30 years, supply clerk, Administrative Support Division, Information Management Directorate.

William Tarby, 30 years, electronics mechanic, Tactical Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

In addition to service certificates and pins, 30-year honorees receive a framed American flag and aerial photo of the depot.

Honorees who attend the ceremony get a four-hour time-off award. Depot commander Col. Ron Alberto presented the awards.

Feature stories sought

The *Tobyhanna Reporter* is looking for feature stories about depot employees. If you have, or know someone who has, an interesting story to tell, contact the *Reporter* staff (see contact information on Page 2). We've published articles about employee ranging from boat racing to blacksmithing; some have earned awards at the highest levels of the Army.



Army releases results of mental health survey

The Department of the Army announced Dec. 19 the results of the Army's third Mental Health Advisory Team, which is a snapshot of the morale and mental health of deployed Soldiers last Fall in Iraq.

The Office of the Army Surgeon General established the Mental Health Advisory Team III at the request of the Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq. MHAT III continued the precedent of deploying advisory teams to Operation Iraqi Freedom to assess behavioral healthcare requirements of Soldiers. MHAT I and MHAT II conducted their assessments in September and October of 2003 and 2004, respectively. MHAT III deployed to OIF during October and November 2005.

MHAT III focused on the behavioral health of Soldiers, the behavioral healthcare system in Iraq, and the future focus for care of Soldiers engaged in combat.

MHAT III surveyed 1,461 Soldiers, 172 behavioral-health providers, 172 primary-care providers and 94 unit ministry team members. This is the first time the MHAT included Soldiers of the Multinational Security Transition Command-Iraq who are engaged in advising and training Iraqi forces, and the first time the survey included Soldiers on their second assignments in Iraq.

This study confirmed that the improved OIF behavioral healthcare system is helping Soldiers deal with the stress of combat. Behavioral health care providers reported confidence in their ability to treat combat and operational stress reactions. Soldiers reported higher unit morale than in previous studies and generally reported high job satisfaction.

The team found that the top non-combat stressors were

deployment length and family separation.

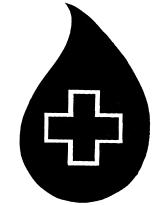
Among those Soldiers surveyed, 13.6 percent reported acute stress symptoms and 16.5 percent reported a combination of depression, anxiety, and acute stress. These rates were lower than during OIF I and higher than OIF II. Multiple deployment Soldiers indicated they were better prepared due to improved pre-deployment training. They also noted more stress on families and not enough time between deployments. Among those Soldiers serving a repeat deployment, 18.4 percent reported acute stress versus 12.5 of the Soldiers serving an initial deployment.

The suicide rate among Soldiers in support of OIF (Iraq and Kuwait) during 2005 was 19.9 per 100,000 Soldiers - similar to the 18.8 rate per 100,000 Soldiers in 2003 and higher than 2004. Soldiers reported receiving suicide prevention training before and during deployments, but the number who perceived this as useful in identifying fellow Soldiers at risk declined from 60 percent in 2004 to 55 percent in 2005.

The MHAT III found a significant increase in the perceptions of availability of behavioral health care. Ninety-five percent of the Soldiers surveyed reported ready availability of mental health care. Soldiers also reported that the stigma associated with seeking behavioral health care is decreasing.

According to LTG Kevin Kiley, Army Surgeon General, "We must support our Soldiers' health needs, both physical and mental; these advisory teams help us to know how and where we can better meet those needs. We will continue to review the recommendations from the Team and further improve behavioral healthcare for Soldiers deployed to Iraq and Army-wide. (Army News Service)

Red Cross Blood Drive



The depot's Red Cross blood drive dates are the first and third Wednesday of each month. To schedule an appointment, employees must obtain supervisory approval and then call X57091.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor's Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline.Boucher@tobyhanna.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer's responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.

Mountain Top at 6:15 a.m. and pass through White Haven at 6:30 p.m., non-smoking, call Janet, X57532.

• **Meshoppen, Tunkhannock, Factoryville, Dalton, Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, 7 passengers, van, 5/4/9, "A" placard, non-smoking, contact Thomas Zinram, X58736 or send e-mail.

• **Wilkes-Barre:** 2 openings, van, nonsmoking, 7 passengers, leaves Sam's Club parking lot at 5:45 a.m., 5/4/9, call John Alden, X58349 or X58640.

• **Waymart, Carbondale:** openings, van, will pick up at Waymart Hotel and Meredith Street, 5/4/9, call Brian or John, X58754.

• **Dunmore, Throop, surrounding areas:** 3 openings, van, 7 passengers, pick up at Holiday Inn in Dunmore, 5/4/9, contact Carmen Trubia, X59156 or send e-mail.

• **Tripps Park, North Scranton:** individual seeks ride, van, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or 7:30-4 p.m. shifts, call Al Auksunas, X59360.

• **Jim Thorpe:** 1 opening, van, 5/4/9, "A" placard, contact Frank, X57361 or send e-mail to frank.lauth@tobyhanna.army.mil.

• **Dallas, Shavertown, Exeter:** accepting names for waiting list, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, contact Bob Redinski, X59184 or send e-mail.

• **Lake Winola:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, non-smoking, possible house pick up, contact Mark Evans, X56999 or send e-mail to mark.evans@tobyhanna.army.mil.

• **Wilkes Barre:** 1 opening, van, 15 passengers, non-smoking, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. shift, pick up across from K-Mart at 5:50

a.m., Wesley Dervinis, X56839.

• **Factoryville, Dalton, Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, van, non-smoking, "A" placard, 5/4/9, first Friday, contact Richard Pomicter, X59343 or send e-mail.

• **Plains, Pittston:** 1 opening, starts Jan. 1, 6 passengers, van, "A" placard, house-to-house pickup in Plains or at Pittston park and ride, call Steve Beck, X59694.

• **West Scranton:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, Luzerne Street shopping center, non-smoking, call Jim Mangan or Bill Flynn, X58184.

• **Dunmore, Jessup, surrounding area:** openings, van, nonsmoking, 7 passengers, pick up at Holiday Inn in Dunmore, 5/4/9, call Yvette Pollack, X56475.

• **Bloomsburg, Berwick area:** individual needs a ride, van, bus or car, call Jim Sinclair, X57646.

• **Taylor, Scranton:** 2 openings, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, pick up on Moosic Street, call Steve or Matt, X58727.



TRADING POST

• **Misc. items:** Sears Pro Form Crosswalker/365s, includes monitors and gauges, asking \$300; Sears exercise bike with arm pulls, asking \$150; assorted Hummels, call to make appointment; and 1800 antique Mason/Hammon foot-pedal reed organ, asking \$1,500 OBO, call Norma, 842-6965.

• **Tires/rims:** 4 Goodyear Eagle LS P195/65R15, mounted on new Chrysler rims (PT

Cruiser), less than 25 miles on them, asking \$200, call Jeff Ciaruffoli, 690-8140

• **Snow tires:** 4, Champiro 65TR15, used 4 months, like new, asking \$150 OBO, call Lori 587-2646.

• **Misc. items:** Class 2 hitch, 2006 and earlier, Caravan/Town and Country, without stow-and-go seats, \$75; Class 3 hitch, 2006 and later, Caravan/Town and Country, with stow-and-go seats, paid \$185, asking \$100; bra for 2003/2005 Sonata, paid \$165, asking \$70; 4 new faucets, for claw-type bathtub, imported from Germany, paid \$1,500, asking \$500, call Art Kearney, 610-681-8306.

• **Snow tires:** 4, Bridgestone Blizzak, size 205/60R16, used 3 seasons, inspected by Kost Tire and Auto Service and rated very good condition, \$200, call 585-4068, leave message.

• **Trailer:** Free, 1970, 12x60 Parkwood, good condition, must be moved, Hazleton area; 1996 Taurus wagon, \$2,000; 1996 Taurus sedan, \$1,500, call Mary at 455-6833.

• **Television:** flat screen, Phillips, 51 inches, rear projection, HDTV with remote, like new, \$950, call 342-2197.

• **Snow tires:** P205-70-15, Snow Tracker radio ST/2, used one season, \$30 for both, call Gloria or Jim, 876-3978.

• **Mobile Home:** 3 bedrooms, located on quiet park off Route 307, in North Pocono School District, asking \$22,500 OBO, call 335-0079.

• **Ford Focus:** 2000, ZX3, 83,000 miles, new tires, winterized, CD player, 5-speed, clean/no rust, 37 mph, asking \$4,000 call Eric, 234-5795.



AMC commander praises depot for job well done

Clockwise, Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, Army Materiel Command commander, talks to Tobyhanna employees while visiting the depot Dec. 18. Griffin and Don Tison, Headquarters Department of the Army G-8, assistant deputy chief of staff for Programs, take a look at one of the 80,000 helmet brackets being manufactured here. The brackets, mounted on the front of Advanced Combat Helmets and Combat Vehicle Crewman helmets, are used to hold night vision goggles. Brig. Gen. Lynn Collyar, Defense Distribution Center, Susquehanna, commander, left, joins Tison during an awards ceremony recognizing Chester Bogart, who recently earned the Department of the Army Disabled Employee of the Year Award, and the accomplishments of employees restoring electronic repair shelters and vans. The depot has overhauled 701 AN/ASM 146 and 147 shelters and 320 AN/ASM 189 and 190 vans with \$115 million Reset and Recap program funds. Hundreds of employees in several divisions joined forces to completely disassemble the shelters and vans.

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ASD wins the battles, loses the war

Engineering's underwhelming of ASD in all four of their regular season games did not matter. Engineering defeated them on Oct. 5 to earn the 2006 Noontime Softball League championship, sweeping them 4-0 in a best of seven series. Col. Ron Alberto recently presented team members with plaques to commemorate the event. Engineering's season record was 15-8-1. Second place ASD had a record of 14-7-1. From left, front row: Todd Hile, Rich Pace, Nate Thomas, George Kofira (league commissioner), Alberto, Kelly Jordan (Engineering coach), Jason Menago (assistant league commissioner) and Jennifer Moss. Back row: Derek Dalbo, John Zelena, Jack Andrejko, Chris Antall, Tom Chernasky, Joe Yashinski, JJ Jones, Bernie Skalla and Jim Druby. Missing: Mike Busch, Ed Gliniecki, Steve Kishel, Rich Quinn, Jamie Tokarski and Lynwood Turlington. (Photo by Tony Medici)

National cemetery to locate at Fort Jackson

FORT JACKSON, S.C.—Fort Jackson has been selected as the site for a new national cemetery to be established as a result of the National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003.

The announcement came during the city of Columbia's Veterans Day Parade Friday by South Carolina Congressman Joe Wilson and Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, William F. Tuerk.

"There are so many wonderful things that can be done for veterans, but to have a national cemetery shows respect for the people who make it possible for us to enjoy the freedoms we have today," Wilson said. "One of the finest recognitions you can give to veterans is to have a place of permanent repose."

Construction is slated to begin in

fiscal 2008, with interments beginning about a year after that.

"We seek to be not just a memorial for the veterans who have passed on, but also a place of honor, a place to honor the veterans who are among us today," Tuerk said. "This is going to be the site of a national shrine. The (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) thanks the community for the opportunity to establish this national shrine."

The legislation directed the secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery in the Greenville/Columbia area. The planned location of the cemetery is the northern point of Fort Jackson, near Percival Road.

"It's a beautiful piece of land. It's near I-20, but not too near," Tuerk said.

"We can get traffic from the interstate without the noise, and it's close to the population center."

Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters, Fort Jackson commanding general, stressed the importance of the Army's Warrior Ethos, particularly that a Soldier should never leave a fallen comrade.

"I feel that this is very fitting for Army land to be set aside as a tribute and celebration of veterans," Schwitters said.

World War II veterans are dying at the rate of 1,000 a day, Tuerk said.

"My goal is to get this cemetery open while members of my dad's generation of veterans - the greatest generation, World War II veterans - are still with us," Tuerk said. (Army News Service)



Christmas wreaths are nestled against headstones at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Volunteers gathered at Arlington to place more than 5,000 donated Christmas wreaths on headstones in the cemetery. The 14th annual wreath-laying event honors those laid to rest in the National Cemetery. (DoD photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi)